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[REDACTED]

1. Investigation of a Uruguayan report that Argentina and Venezuela signed a secret military treaty in November 1943 while negotiating a commercial agreement has failed to confirm this charge.

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2. [REDACTED] the only known agreement concluded between Argentina and Venezuela was signed on 13 February 1943 and concerned the purchase of certain quantities of beef by Venezuela and the purchase by Argentina of oil for a period of two years.

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3. In November 1943 the Caracas press indicated that a representative of the Argentine Ministry of Petroleum had left for Caracas to negotiate the agreement for exchange of Venezuelan oil for Argentine beef. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a new agreement was not entered into at that time but that the trip of the Argentine petroleum representative was related to Venezuelan failure to buy sufficient quantities of Argentine meat and to sell Argentina the contracted quantity of oil. This failure was caused by lack of a market in Venezuela for Argentine meat.

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4. [REDACTED] denied the existence of a secret treaty with Venezuela and said that only commercial matters were covered in an agreement between the two countries.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The Uruguayan government has been unsympathetic to the present Venezuelan government since its inception following the coup of 24 November 1945. For this reason, it is felt that the original information, [REDACTED], is of doubtful authenticity.

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